

CONNECTING AND REFLECTING EXPERIENCE

NEXT WEEK:

Title : "The Church—The Devoted Themselves..."

Texts : Acts 2:42-47

IN A NUTSHELL -The hope of the Old Testament was Jesus in us, the anticipation of the Gospel was God's Kingdom in the world, the result of the Church was that "people devoted themselves" to four key things.

This next week's readings:

- Nov 17 Acts 4-6
- Nov 18 Acts 7-8
- Nov 19 Acts 9-10
- Nov 20 Acts 11-12
- Nov 21 Acts 13-14
- Nov 22 Jas 1-5
- Nov 23 (Sunday) Acts 15-16

66 Love Letters—James, pg 320

The Story—pgs. 389-411

Parents with your Children

The first half of the week sit down as a family at least twice to list out some thoughtful, tangible reasons to be thankful for the church. The latter half of the week practice writing out some prayers of thanksgiving and listing people in our church for which you think you should be praying. Check out this resource: ([dougdelp.files.wordpress.com /2012/05/prayer-bookmark2.pdf](http://dougdelp.files.wordpress.com/2012/05/prayer-bookmark2.pdf))



Prayer Requests

Announcements:

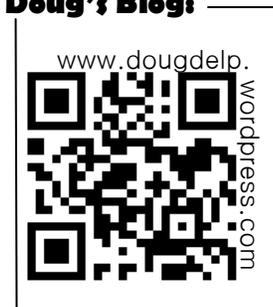
Drive Through Bethlehem

Setup & Teardown - more volunteers needed
Traffic - organized by Tony B. **Safety & Medical** - organized by Sue S. & Sandy B. **Entrance Greeters** - handing out CDs, some in Roman costume - still need a couple of volunteers **Scene 1** - Mary & Joseph in their homes - organized by Samp's CARE group **Scene 2** - Market - still need some people to be in this scene **Scene 3** - Inn - Donna W. innkeeper; various participants will visit the Inn **Scene 4** - Shepherds/angel - Dads CG helping, but still need some volunteers **Scene 5** - Nativity - Miller CG helping assemble, Lori G organizing youth volunteers **Scene 6** - Magi/camels - Dads CG **Scene 7** - Cross - no personnel needed **Scene 8** - Family - Botkins CG organizing **Carolers** - Gina E. and Sarah L. organizing **Cookie Boxes & Exit Greeting** - Mary R. organizing, various volunteers **Animals** - Kirk H. and Lori M. finding animals - Anyone know where to find a camel for a reasonable price to rent?? **Food for volunteers** - Jerry C.'s CG organizing

Timber Lake Christian's website:



Doug's Blog:



In a Nutshell: Being a Church member is nothing like having a club membership and yet many people seem to be more concerned about what the church can do for them, than what God has called them to do since He has brought them into a Kingdom of Light.

Ice Breaker: Have you ever been involved in a club? Why did you join? If you quit, what made you decide to quit?



Title: "I Am A Church Member"

Texts: Matthew 20:20-28; 1 Cor. 12

CONNECTING TO THE TEXT

1. What are the different "body parts" Paul mentions in 1 Cor. 12? How might they compare to people in our Church? Who would be a hand? A mouth? An Ear? Feet?
2. How might Matt. 20:20-28 have a bearing on how we approach church membership?

3. How important is forgiveness in the church to the unity of the church?

REFLECTING ON OUR LIVES

1. How good are we at "forgiveness" in our church?
2. Do you view "church membership" as a gift from God? Why or why not?
3. Do you think some church members have a sense of entitlement? How can you tell?
4. Why does unconditional love seem to be such a difficult challenge?

CONNECTING TO OUR CHURCH:

1. Describe someone in our church that in your opinion is a good example of having the mind of Christ and a servant attitude?
2. What do you think of the six elements of the "membership covenant" as described in the book "I am a Church Member"?